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Letter dated 4 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

As part of the process aimed at strengthening the dialogue between the National Council for Democracy and Development (CNDD) and the political stakeholders in Guinea, Captain Moussa Dadis Camara, Head of State, President of the Republic and Commander-in-Chief, held a meeting in Conakry in July 2009 with representatives of political parties, trade unions and civil society.

At the conclusion of the meeting, representatives of the country's political stakeholders proposed to the President of the Republic the creation of an ad hoc committee to conduct a midterm review of the transition process in Guinea and make practical proposals for the successful completion of the various stages of the process.

After acceding to the political stakeholders' request, the President of the Republic established a joint committee composed of 22 members, including representatives of political parties, trade unions and civil society, as well as representatives of CNDD, the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Political Affairs and the Independent National Electoral Committee (CENI).

The joint committee designated by consensus the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Guinea as facilitator.

The first meeting of the committee was held in Conakry on Thursday, 23 July 2009.

Following a frank and open discussion, the ad hoc committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Investigation of the reasons for the delay in implementing the transition timetable;
2. Systematic and realistic assessment of the stages of transition and the establishment of requirements for proceeding with each stage;
3. Identification of the appropriate ways to revitalize the transition process immediately;
4. Identification of the administrative, technical and financial preconditions for the holding of parliamentary and presidential elections in 2009;
5. Proposed adjustments to the transition timetable.

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The committee set itself a time limit of 10 days to consider the various agenda items.

When it has completed its work, the committee must submit its conclusions in the form of proposals to the political stakeholders, CNDD and the President of the Republic for approval.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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